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5 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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10 and to make a full report to the State Department of Health;
11 exempting a physician from civil and criminal liability for
12 reporting a hearing defect when none existed; and declaring an
13 emergency.

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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

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17 Section 1. A physician shall test a newborn baby for
18 hearing defects. If he detects a hearing defect, he shall make
19 a full report to the State Department of Health on a form pre-
20 scribed and furnished by the department.

21 Sec. 2. A physician is immune from civil and criminal
22 liability for reporting to the State Department of Health a hear-
23 ing defect when none in fact existed.

24 Sec. 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded
25 condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and
26 an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule
27 requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be
28 suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act
29 take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is
30 so enacted.
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Chief Clerk, House of Representatives